



PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Guy AZAM et al.)
) Group Art Unit 3765
 Appln. No. : 09/926,086)
) Examiner James G. SMITH
 I.A. Filed : December 22, 2000)
) Confirmation No. 3803
 For : LACE-UP TIGHTENING DEVICE FOR)
 AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR, AND AN)
 ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR EQUIPPED)
 WITH SUCH DEVICE (As Amended))

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated October 29, 2002, please enter the following amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Title of the Invention

Please change the title of the invention to the following: --/Lace-Up Tightening Device

for an Article of Footwear, and an Article of Footwear Equipped With Such Device --.

In the Specification

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.125(b), please replace the specification (excluding claims) with the attached substitute specification (a "marked-up" version of the substitute specification, indicating revisions thereof by underlining and bracketing, also being attached).